

Friends of Wompatuck Meeting 12/19/2022

Meeting opens 7:05 PM

In attendance: Vicki Schow, Lars Ahlzen, Doug Luoma, Wayne Strohm, Bill Boles, Steve Cobble, Peter Williams, Anthony (Tony) George, Ed Martin, Tim Friedmann

1. President Vicki Schow opened the meeting as we all knew each other no introductions were made.
2. VP Report: Lars the website rebuild is in the works. Our new FOW 2022 planks have been installed on our two latest bridge projects.
3. Secretary's report: Bill Boles asked for corrections or omissions in the draft minutes from our November meeting. There were a couple. **Motion** to accept with revisions **Unanimous**.
4. New Park Supervisor. It was announced that Brian Bigelman has been hired by the DCR as a full time park supervisor.
5. Treasurer Doug Luoma reviewed his November financial report. He noted that Jeff Wilson had partially sponsored snowmobile helmets for use when FoW is grooming the trails. **Motion** to accept Doug's report. **Unanimous**.
6. Membership: Doug also mentioned that our membership has grown to 325 households.
7. Trails: Peter Williams reported that the ford removal and trail restoration project is still undergoing the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) review process. At a site meeting two weeks ago the DCR environmental staff indicated they would approve a plan for the trail restoration work that would consist of bridging the muddy sections of the trail. The new foot bridge will consist of three short sections and one 75 foot section for a total of 102' of 4' wide decking. The draft Notice of Intent (NOI) with the revised plan has been submitted to the environmental staff and they have emailed Peter their comments which include only some minor comments on the NOI. The NOI has to be revised and then submitted to Priscilla Geigis, DCR Deputy Commissioner for approval and signature. We anticipate that the NOI will be submitted to the Cohasset Conservation Commission in January for approval. We project a workday in the spring or summer after things dry out. Peter also noted that the "horse bridge" near N-24 needs new decking. Doug and Peter will try to do this.

Wayne mentioned that a bridge is needed at near the campsite at W-9 as a deep puddle is there. This could be a possible Eagle Scout project.

8. Elections: We had our annual election at our December meeting. One Director's slot was open. Wayne Strohm was elected to fill that position. The current officers were re-elected. Vicki Schow, President, Lars Ahlzen Vice President, Doug Luoma Treasurer, Bill Boles Secretary.

9. Eagle Scout Project: At our January meeting an Eagle Scout project will be presented to the membership for possible FoW funding assistance.

10. Wompy Winterfest: Permits have been applied for 2/5 & 2/26. The goal being to have the event when there's enough snow. There will also be a month-long DIY event. Links for self-guided participation will be created and publicized. Signage will be created at the Visitor's Center. SE Mass NEMBA will co-host the event and NEMBA will provide additional insurance as well as create a pre-registration link. **Motion:** To pay Damon Telepak up to \$1000 to create signage, route links and a website for the event. **Unanimous.** Motion to reimburse Steve Cobble for us to \$750 to pay for food for the event. **Amended** to \$1000. **Unanimous.**

11. Old Business:

A, Steve Gammon recommended holding off on the Doane Street entrance project until after the new administration takes office to avoid confusion.

B, The Hingham Farmer's Market will be back at the Visitor's Center on Saturdays starting on 1/7 from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Vendors will be both outside and inside the Visitor's Center. Tony George has volunteered to man an FoW information table.

C. Bill noted that the Massachusetts Office of Outdoor Recreation, a concept that the Friends of Wompatuck and other environmental groups endorsed, has been approved by the State legislature and will take effect next year.

D. Tony George mentioned that the Weir River Watershed Association would be holding a river cleanup training session on 12/23.

11. New Business:

A. Matt Falcieri has volunteered to fix the pump at our biker service station near the Visitor's Center.

B. Motion: Reimburse the coaches for Wompy Warriors for their out-of-pocket CORI expenses of up to \$1000.

C. Poop Stations: Doug suggested that we invest in poop stations. These would include dog poop bags and a deposit station. The cost would be \$485 with a \$20/week cleaning service. This was tabled until we determine if the DCR is okay with the idea.

10. Next Meeting 1/16/2023

Meeting Adjourns: 8:31 PM